

Mackenzie Hits Stupid Censorship on Indian Front

Analysis of the News by Mackenzie

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By DEWEY MacKENZIE
Editorial Analyst
Admiral Lord Louis Mountbatten's favorable overall assurance regarding the Allied position in regard to the Japanese invasion of the remote Manipur district of north-eastern India should be discounted, since it has been cited in allied countries by lack of adequate official news of the operations.

The admiral, for personal comment, he probably would advise us in nautical language to hold the ship steady and not to move to the starboard in the face of the situation to warrant us in refusing to accept the assurances of the Allies in hand.

What we seem to have been up against mainly has been faulty analysis of the situation, resulting from the strike of five British war correspondents on the censorship, there may also have been a fresh example of stupid hamstringing of the press. Certainly the communiques dealing with the invasion of India have been by now so well publicized, concealed what should have been revealed and thus have created a great deal of unnecessary mystery. And, of course, this inadequate news has invited outbursts from the calamity-mongers.

An analysis of all the circumstances surrounding this Japanese invasion make it clear that it never has been a surprise to the Allies. The project, whose capital of New Delhi lies some 1,200 miles away, the crow flies—how could three or four thousand miles be a surprise? That was sub-continent?

The British have at least a million troops of men and arms ready for action in India. They have hundreds of thousands of reserves. They have vast quantities of supplies, including the India arsenal of the Orient, but America and Britain have shipped mountains of equipment in the recent months. The American and British air forces in that theatre. And there are transport facilities available which are adequate aid to the invasion area.

If the Allied command hadn't predicted the necessary defense, it was bound to be a major and colossal blunder. However, we are assured that adequate help has been provided and is now in opera-

Air Battles
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field workers were fleeing their jobs by the hundreds as the result of the heavy air attacks. Bucharest was bombed and the city lost water and electricity and 40 percent of its population was sent to be housed elsewhere.

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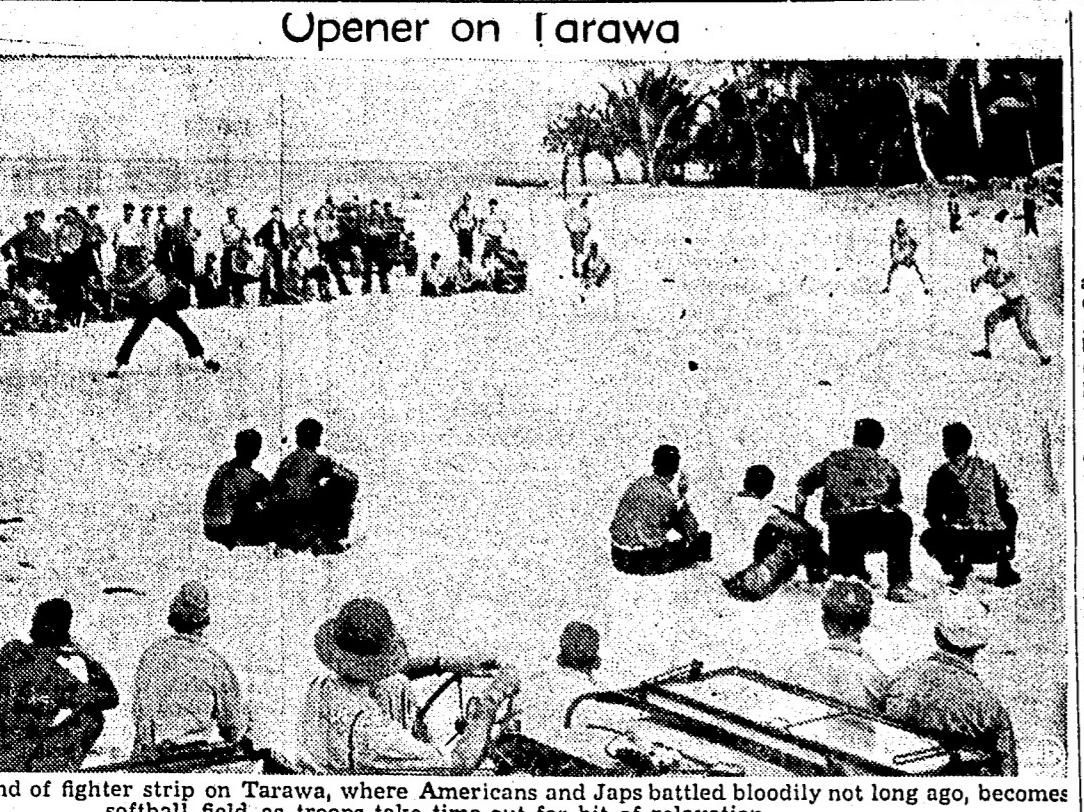
Notice

The Hempstead County Democratic Central Committee in session at Hope April 7, adopted a resolution calling the Preferential Primary Election July 25 and the Runoff Primary August 8, closing the ticket at midnight April 26, and fixing fees for candidates.

Candidates' fees are: County Judge \$175; Sheriff and Collector \$250; County Treasurer \$200; County Clerk \$200; Circuit Clerk \$150; Tax Assessor \$175; Representatives, either post \$50; Coronor \$10; Constable, for any township \$5.

Hempstead County Democratic Central Committee

W. S. ATKINS, Chairman



Opener on Tarawa

Spring Snow Blankets Midwest

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Social and Personal

By DAISY DOROTHY HEARD, Editor

Phone 578 Between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m.

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Special Calendar

By April 18th

American Legion Auxiliary meet in Surgical Dressing Room, 10 a.m., Mrs. R. D. Franklin and R. V. Herndon, Sr. will

Woodman circle will meet half night, 10:30 p.m.

W. M. S. Social Meeting Held Monday

Circle No. 1 of the Women's Missionary Society of First Baptist church meet at the home of Mrs. Frank Miller, 10 a.m., Mrs. H. E. Thrash, leader, conducted the business period followed by a social hour.

Used Fats: Each pound of waste fat is good for two meal-train points.

Shoe: April 30—Last day for No. 18 stamp in Ration Book I.

May 1—First day for Airplane stamp No. 1, Book 3. Valid when used.

April 29—Last day for blue stamp P-8, G-8, H-8, J-8, K-8 in Book 4.

May 20—Last day for red stamp G-8, B-8, C-8, D-8, E-8 and F-8 in Book 4.

Eyes: April 29—Last day for blue stamp P-8, G-8, H-8, J-8 and K-8 in Book 4.

Meat, Cheese, Butter and Fats: April 26—First day for red stamp G-8, B-8, C-8 and J-8 in Book 4.

May 20—Last day for red stamp A-8, B-8, C-8, D-8, E-8 and F-8 in Book 4.

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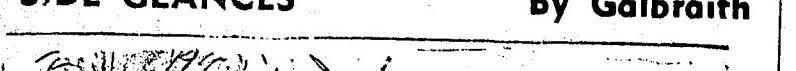
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PEARL stood against the wall. The music had a beau-

tiful swing to it. She sat down and began to sing.

Three hands round, and go it again!

She could see Jesse sitting in the gallery, talking to a tall, thin girl with dark hair, beautiful, dressed in a gown. Pearl was in her room, in the corner, chafing her arms, trying to get the long ride by herself seemed for her to be the best.

Realtor, staying home.

Now Mrs. Withington had been drinking again. He drew her arm and came up to Pearl. He asked, "May I before Pearl comes?"

"H—yes, this young lady has the dance ringed."

"Come to your partner one and a half."

"Yaller hammer right and lay bird left."

Pearl walked quickly from the room, through the hall,

and out onto the gallery. She walked up and down, singing once, twice, three times, until she should change clothes and get a horse and barge and start back, prospect of the long ride by herself seemed for her to be the best.

The dance was over. Everybody stopped, breathless.

The musicians' faces were streaming with sweat but there was no time to stop. Whoo! The cieis-player brought his pin down to the last note of the first half, the caller beginning a new chant. The dancers, in two lines, advanced toward each other, retreated, split into four,

then into two.

Then the movement of the night air pressed the party against her body; light from the window fell on her.

A man standing in the shadow with his back against the wall made a slight movement and Pearl started.

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